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Subject: Bill 10 Relating to the Use of Bags Provided to Customers...Honolulu Plastic Bag Ban Bill

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Attn: Committee on Public Works & Sustainability
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From: Bruce Yokochi, Director of Sales, Tamura Enterprises, Inc. (& Hawaii Kai resident)

Tamura Enterprises, Inc. OPPOSES this bill as written. We (along with our Industry Association, HFIA) support the use of "fees" on ALL types of bags (paper & plastic) as a means of encouraging our customers to reduce the use of single use bags. We need to "change" consumer behavior & NOT shift our consumers from plastic to paper...this will not accomplish the goal of becoming, more environmentally friendly!

As you are well aware of...Paper Bags cost more, requires more energy to produce, & generates way more pollution than Plastic Bags! A ban on Plastic Bags is "bad" for business, the consumers, & for the Environment!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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